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Whitehall, Feb. 5.

THIS Day, at 12 o'Clock at Noon, an Expreſs arrived from his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, with the following Letters.

Copy of a Letter from his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland to the Duke of Newcaſtle.

Falkirk, Feb. 1, 1745-6.

My Lord Duke of Newcaſtle,

IN my laſt of the 30th of this Month, I informed you of our Intention to march to the Relief of Stirling Caſtle. When I wrote that, I hoped that the Rebels, fluſhed with their late Succeſs, would have given us an Opportunity of finiſhing the Affair at once, which I am morally ſure, would have been in our Favour, as the Troops in general ſhewed all the Spirit that I could wiſh, and would have retrived whatever Slips are paſt: But, to my great Aſtoniſhment, the Rebels have blown up their Powder Magazines, and are retired over the Forth at Frew, leaving their Cannon behind them, and a Number of their ſick and wounded, beſides 20 of our wounded Priſoners, taken at the late Affair, which I have found here. I hope to be at Stirling To-morrow, from whence I ſhall be better able to inform you of all this ſtrange Flight.

Brigadier Mordaunt, with the 2 Regiments of Dragoons, and Lieutenant Col. Campbell, with the Highlanders, are in Purſuit of them, I am

Your affectionate Friend,

WILLIAM.

This Moment comes in from Stirling, a Man, who ſays Blakeney had put Troops in the Town, and that all the Rebels had croſſed the Forth. I incloſe the beſt Account for the preſent I could draw up.

Copy of a Letter from his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland to the Lord Juſtice Clerk.

Camp at Falkirk, Feb 1. 1745.

My Lord Juſtice Clerk,

I Thought it proper to give you an Account of what has happened ſince I left Edinburgh.

Yeſterday I marched from Edinburgh, with the Army, in two Columns, conſiſting of 14 Battalions, the Argyleſhire Men, and the two Regiments of Dragoons of Cobham and Mark Ker, and quartered myſelf at Linlithgow, with 8 Battalions, and Brigadier Mordaunt with 6 Battalions at Borouſtounneſs. The Dragoons quartered in the adjacent Villages, and Col. Campbell, with the Argyleſhire Men, in the Front towards the Avon. A conſiderable Body of the Rebels were then at Falkirk, and ſome few of them appeared on the Hills between that Place and Linlithgow. They gave it out, that they intended to ſtand another Action with the King's Forces, but at the ſame time ſeemed very uneaſy for their Baggage, which they were endeavouring to ſecure on the other Side of the Forth. They were much diſappointed at the Defence General Blakeney had made in Stirling Caſtle, and ſaid it was impoſſible for Men to take it.

This Morning early Word was brought, that the Rebels had retired to the Torwood, and intended to make a Stand there, and that the reſt of them from Stirling would join them at that Place.

I reviewed the whole Army this Morning before we marched, who were in the higheſt Spirits. The advanced Parties of the Rebels retired with Precipitation on the Approach of ours, and our foremoſt Scouts brought in ſome Stragglers, who ſaid the Rebels were repaſſing the Forth in a good deal of Confuſion, being afraid, as they ſaid, of another Battle, becauſe of the Increaſe of our Strength, and the great Deſertion there had been amongſt the Clans, which had much diminiſhed their Numbers. On our March we heard two great Reports, like the blowing up of ſome Magazine, and it was ſoon confirmed to us, for the Rebels had blown up a very large Quantity of Powder in the Church of St. Ninians before they went off.

On my Arrival here I found all our wounded Men, whom they had made Priſoners in the late Action, and in their Retreat had been obliged to leave behind them. And I hear they have left their Artilery at Stirling ſpiked up.

As ſoon as I came here, I detach'd immediately Brigadier Mordaunt with the Argyleſhire Men, and all the Dragoons, in Purſuit of them, though it is imagined, that moſt of them will have eſcap'd at the Ford of Frew, as they generally make a good deal of Haſte when they are going off. They have loſt a great many Men at Stirling, and ſay it is all over with them, and they ſhall make to Motroſe. One Circumſtance is particular, that Lady Kilmarnoch, who 'till laſt Night always ſtaid at Callender Houſe, went off with them.

I propoſe to march To-morrow Morning to Stirling, and there take Meaſures for further quieting theſe Parts of his Majeſty's Dominions, &c.

Copy of Lord Chief Juſtice Clerk's Letter to the Duke of Newcaſtle.

Edinburgh, Feb. 1, 1745-6.

My Lord Duke,

THe Arrival of his Royal Highneſs the Duke has done the Buſineſs, animated our Army, and ſtruck the Rebels with Terror and Confuſion. He loſt no Time to improve theſe Advantages, marched the whole Army Yeſterday to Linlithgow and the adjacent Places, and continued his March this Morning to Falkirk, the Rebels always flying before him. This Morning the

Rebels renew'd their Firing againſt Stirling Caſtle; but G. Blakeney continuing to make a good Defence, they raiſed the Siege, and have blown up their Magazine of Powder, and, as believed, have ſpiked their Cannon, and the whole Army of the Rebels have fled with Precipitation, and croſſed the Forth at the Ford of Frew; and his Royal Highneſs has ſent on the Dragoons and Argyleſhire Men to take Poſſeſſion of Stirling, and remains this Night at Falkirk. Wiſhing your Grace Joy of this great and good News, I am, &c.

And. Fletcher.

Whitehall, Feb. 6. Late laſt Night another Expreſs arrived from his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, with Letters dated Stirling, February 2. giving an Account, That his Royal Highneſs arrived there at One o'Clock that Afternoon, without meeting the leaſt Obſtacle or Reſiſtance, as Brigadier Mordaunt had alſo done the Night before, but too late to purſue the Rebels. Their precipitate Flight is not to be deſcribed: They were all to be at Perth the 2d; where, as their own Men declare, they would not ſtay for his Royal Highneſs to come up to them. When the Rebels heard that his Royal Highneſs was got to Linlithgow, they held a Council, and drew out their Men, declaring that they would meet him; but as ſoon as the Baggage and the Cannon they lately took were moved off, they told the Country People that they were going to meet a Reinforcement; but that, as they could not carry away all their Plunder, they would give it to them, and that it was in St. Ninians Church, where they had made a Magazine of Powder and Ball; and when the Country People came to fetch it away, the Rebels attempted to ſet Fire to the Magazine, but fortunately the firſt Train miſſed, ſo that ſeveral eſcaped; but the ſecond was ſo ſoon fired, that many poor People were blown up and buried in the Ruins.

After the Rebels had croſſed the Forth, many of the Leaders told their Men to ſhift for themſelves. They talk publickly of going from Perth to Dundee, and ſoon to Montroſe; and his Royal Highneſs has ſent proper Orders to Rear Admiral Byng to prevent their getting off.

As ſoon as his Royal Highneſs can get the Bridge at Stirling mended, he will follow to Perth, and ſo on whilſt the Rebels remain in a Body. About 20 of their Sick have been taken at Stirling; and Capt. Fitzgerald, of Monro's Regiment, and an Enſign of Lee's, are retaken.

His Royal Highneſs is pleaſed to commend extremely the Behaviour of Major General Blakeney, who, by his Conduct, as well as Courage, has ſaved the Caſtle of Stirling, which is a Place of the greateſt Importance, from falling into the Hands of the Rebels. The Caſtle would have held out, but the Proviſions and Firing were almoſt conſumed.

From Wye's Letter, London, Feb. 6.

Yeſterday the Commons deferred going into a Committee on Ways and Means, and the Supply to Monday; took into further Conſideration the Amendments made to the Bill relating to Horn Cattle, which were agreed to. The Lords in a Committee on the Bill for adjourning the Court of Seſſion in Scotland, and for remedying Inconveniences ariſing from the Surceaſe of Juſtice in that Part of the Kingdom, went through it without Amendments.

To Day the Lords paſt the Bill above-mentioned, for adjourning the Court of Seſſion, &c. Read a firſt Time that for eſtabliſhing an Agreement with the Bank of England. The Commons put off the Call of the Houſe for 3 Weeks.

The Stocks are riſen above one per cent. and there appear high Spirits among the Tradeſmen of this City.

By Letters from Barbadoes dated the 16th of November, we have an Account of the Death of Captain Balchen, Commander of his Majeſty's Ship the Pemoroke (Son of the late Sir John Balchen who was unfortunately loſt in the Victory) a brave and worthy Officer, beloved by all who were under his Command, and highly eſteemed by his Acquaintances.

The ſame Letters inform us, that the French at Martinico, are in the utmoſt Diſtreſs by the Diligence of Admiral Townſhend, who has two Men of War conſtantly cruizing to Windward, and two to Leeward of the Iſland, to prevent any Succours arriving. That he had ordered Commodore Lee to ly againſt Fort St. Piers, with four large Ships. And that there are 75 Negroes on board the Admiral, that eſcaped in Pettiagures and Canoes, who confirm the Diſtreſs of the French, and ſay, that the Proviſions allowed to 14 Men for a Week, are not ſufficient to ſerve 20 one Day.

From the London Evening Poſt, Feb. 6.

Paris, Feb. 1. On the 26th of laſt Month the King received a Courier from his Pruſſian Majeſty, whoſe Diſpatches were ſuperſcrib'd, *For his Majeſty's own Hands.* The King read them immediately, wrote an Anſwer himſelf, and cauſed it to be deliver'd to the Courier, with 60 Double Piſtoles, as a Gratification for the Haſte he had made. The Contents of thoſe Diſpatches have not been communicated to any of the Miniſters, but it is certain that the King appears very much pleaſed with them. The Report of a general Peace prevails more ſtrongly than ever, but thoſe who are thought beſt inform'd, ſeem'd to give no Credit to it. The Embarkation at Boulogne is certainly laid aſide, and the Troops are not only debark'd, but have alſo marched back to the Places from whence they were drawn: Some attribute this to the Interpoſition of his Pruſſian Majeſty; but others are of Opinion that the Whole was calculated to keep the Engliſh Fleet employed on that Side, in order to favour the Arrival of the Spaniſh Galleons. Orders have notwithſtanding been ſent to Breſt to haſten out the Fleet, and large Sums of Money have been actually iſſued for that Purpoſe. We likewiſe talk more ſtrongly than ever of undertaking ſomething at Oſtend. The Report that prevailed ſome Time ago of a great Change in the Miniſtry, and that Marſhal Saxe had reſolved to reſign, proves void of all Foundation. That General is on the contrary in better Credit than ever, inaſmuch as he has promiſed the King to make him Maſter of Bruſſels in a Fortnight. We hear no more of revoking the late Edict againſt the Dutch; but it is very probable that it will be qualified by ſome Reſtrictions. Our A-

ctions are at 1030, and moſt People think they will riſe ſtill higher.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, Feb. 6.

LONDON, *Feb. 6.*

They write from Lisbon, that Vice Admiral Medley had carried in there a Spaniſh Man of War of 70 Guns and 500 Men, bound from Vera Cruz to Cadiz, and which was taken in Sight of the Bay, for want of Wind to carry her in: She is ſaid to be exceſſively rich, and to have been one of Admiral Reggio's Squadron that was expected from the Havanna.

Tueſday came Advice, that the Hannibal Privateer of Briſtol was ſunk, after a ſtout Engagement with a French Man of War of 70 Guns. Six of the Privateer's Hands were killed in the Engagement; the reſt, being 152 in Number, were taken in by the Man of War's Boats, and carried to Breſt.

There is Advice from America, that a French Man of War of 30 Guns and upwards of 250 Men, has been taken between New-York and Boſton, by one of Admiral Warren's Squadron, after a very ſmart Engagement, in which the French Ship was aſſiſted by three Privateers, who after finding the Man of War had taken the French Ship, made Sail, and got clear off.

The Trial Sloop of War has taken and carried into Lisbon a ſmall French Privateer.

The Tryal Jefferies, from Carolina for Oporto, is taken and carried into Vigo.

There is Advice, that an American Privateer, near the Bermuda Iſlands, fell in with a Spaniſh Ship of great Value, which Prize he ſent for the Leeward Iſlands.

There has been upwards of 100 Merchant Ships taken by the French and Spaniards ſince the firſt Day of laſt Month.

The greateſt part of the Silver taken by the Duke and Prince Frederick Privateers, having been converted into the current Coin of this Kingdom, we hear the Bank will pay the Dividends of the 3 per Cent. Annuities with the ſaid Money.

Laſt Monday Night his Excellency Baron Waſner, Miniſter from the Court of Vienna, received a Courier from the Netherlands; and on Tueſday it was reported (but we hope the News is falſe or premature) that Bruſſels has ſurrendred to the French, and that all the Garriſon, except the Dutch Troops, were made Priſoners of War. It is ſaid there were 500 Hanoverians among the Troops of that Garriſon.

Tueſday was held a Board of Admiralty, at which, as we are inform'd, a Reſolution was taken to ſend out two Ships of 50 Guns, two of 40, and three of 20 Guns each, to cruize before St. Malo, and in the Bay of Biſcay, for the Safety of the Britiſh Commerce, which has ſuffer'd exceedingly of late, eſpecially within theſe two Months paſt.

By a Letter from Hampſhire, dated Feb. 3d, we learn, that the infectious Diſeaſe among Cattle is now in different Places in that Country; and it is apprehended the keeping it a Secret has been the principal Cauſe of its ſpreading.

Laſt Day a Company of the Royal Iriſh conducted to Portſmouth eleven Smuglers, who had been taken the Day before at Haſtings in Suſſex. They are to be put on board a Veſſel there, and ſent to London. Their Gang is ſaid to be above 300, who has, for above a Month paſt, committed numberleſs Diſorders on the Farmers in thoſe Parts.

Laſt Tueſday came on a Trial at the Exciſe-Office, wherein the King was Plaintiff, and an eminent Goldſmith Defendant, for ſelling, and expoſing to ſale, at different Times, ſeveral Pieces of Plate of very great Value, not being charged with the Duty, whereby his Majeſty was defrauded in his Revenue; and after a long Trial, and hearing Counſel on both Sides, and examining ſeveral Witneſſes in Support of the Charge, he was convicted in the Penalty, which is 10 l. for every Offence of that Nature.

Friday laſt near 200 Soldiers, who were at the Battle of Preſton-pans, under Sir John Cope, landed at Tower Wharf from Scotland; the poor Men were in a moſt miſerable ſhocking Condition, ſome without Arms and Legs, others their Noſes cut off, and Eyes put out, beſides hacked and mauled in many Parts of their Body, after a moſt terrible and cruel Manner.

EDINBURGH, *February* 12.

On Saturday laſt died Emilia Chriſtie, Widow of Baillie Thomas Fenton, late a Magiſtrate of this City.

On Sunday laſt was apprehended at the Caſtle of Drummond the Dutcheſs Dowager of Perth, and came to this City Yeſterday in a Coach, attended only by her Gentlewoman, guarded by a Troop of Dragoons, and committed Priſoner the Caſtle, as is likewiſe the Viſcounteſs of Strathallan.

On Monday laſt ſeveral of the Miniſters of this City and Presbytery went down to the Abbay of Holy-roodhouſe to congratulate his Highneſs the Prince of Heſſe on his Arrival here.

We have had here theſe few Days bypaſt a very violent hard Froſt, on which account we believe the Army under his R. Highneſs are obliged to continue ſtill about Perth, the Weather being ſo exceſſively cold, that 'tis thought impoſſible for the Troops to march until ſuch Time as this Storm abates.

The Heſſian Troops continue ſtill on Board the Tranſports in Leith-Road, owing, 'tis ſaid, to the contrary Winds, bad Weather, and high Seas; ſo that the Ships cannot with Safety make the Harbour. When landed, we hear they are to be quartered in and about the neighbouring Villages of this City.

Early this Morning a poor Woman, Wife to a Soldier, who is now on Duty in Berwick, was delivered of a Child in the Guard. She had been taken up and made Priſoner by Miſtake. She was quite deſtitute of all Neceſſaries, but by the Humanity of the Soldiers, who went about begging for her, ſhe was ſoon ſupplied.

Greenock, Feb. 8. Arrived the Lion of Saltcoats, Fulton, from Koningsburg with Flax, Hemp, &c. the Mary and Jean of ditto, from Dublin with Proviſions for the Army; the Proſperity, Galbraith, from Virginia; and the Pretty Betſy, Scott, from St. Chriſtophers. Sailed the Baltimore Snow of War, Capt. How, the Boyd, Maine, for Virginia; the Binhorſt of Vanderhaven for Roterdam; and the Elizabeth, Blair, for the Iſle of May and Virginia.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

By Warrant of the Commiſſaries of Edinburgh,

Upon Tueſday next the 18th Day of February current, there is to be LETT by publick Roup at the Houſe of George Blyth in Corſtorphine, the Parts of the Eſtate and Barony of Corſtorphine after-mentioned, which were in the natural Poſſeſſion of the deceas'd Sir William Dick, viz. The Mains Park, the Graſs Ground in the Avenue leading to the old Manſion-houſe of Corſtorphine, the Incloſure call'd the *Craw Yards*, (lying around the ſaid Houſe) the Dovecote and Dovecote-Park, the Orchard and the Weſt Half of the Garden, lying Northward of the Orchard.

As alſo there is to be ſold by Roup, ſeveral Bolls of Peaſe and Oats, a Peaſe Stack (Corn and Straw) a conſiderable Quantity of Lee and Meadow Hay, a Two-wheel'd Chaiſe, with Harniſh, a Chaiſe-Horſe and Shelty, ſome Black Cattle and Labouring Utenſils.

The Roup to begin at 11 o'Clock before Noon.—— For further Particulars enquire at Alexander Blyth Tenant in Clermiſtoun, or at the Commiſſary-Clerk's Office.

To be SOLD by way of publick Roup, upon Monday the 24th of February current, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 4 Afternoon, at John's Coffee-houſe, Edinburgh,

The Piece of Ground called *the Mill haugh* extending to two Acres, one Rood and two Falls, with a Garden, a new Dwelling-houſe, Office-houſes, Shade, Lime-pit, Water-ſtank, and other Skinner Works near Stockbridge; as alſo the Lodging or Top Story, with Garret and Cellar, in the plain Stone Land at the Back of the Weigh-houſe, on the North-ſide of the High-ſtreet of Edinburgh; as alſo, the Dwelling-houſe poſſeſt by Mrs. Cuningham, being the firſt Story of the Tenement of Land on the North-ſide of the High-ſtreet of Edinburgh, oppoſite to the Weſt-end of James's Court, and Cellar belonging thereto; and alſo the two Stories immediately above the ſaid Dwelling-houſe, poſſeſt by James Lothian Merchant, and the Cellar commonly called *the Weigh houſe Cellar*; all belonging to the deceaſt John Ogilvie Skinner in Edinburgh. The Progreſs and Conditions of Sale are to be ſeen in the Hands of David Forbes Writer in Edinburgh.

¶*¶ There being in the Country ſeveral Men of Colonel Lee's, Colonel Murray's, and Colonel Laſcelle's Regiments, who from Sickneſs, or the Paſſes being ſtopt, did not, when ordered by Advertiſement in the News Papers, come over to Leith; all thoſe Men are now ordered to repair to Edinburgh, where they'll have Money given them by Mr. Thomas Dundaſs to carry them to Berwick, there to join their Regiments. The Favour is deſired of Gentlemen in the Country, and Magiſtrates of Boroughs, to give Directions to acquaint any Men belonging to theſe Regiments, who reſide near to them, of this Advertiſement, and to give Paſſes to theſe Men, that the Time they ſet out for their Regiments may be known. All thoſe that do not repair forthwith upon this Notice, will be treat as Deſerters.

To be SETT by publick Roup for one Year, on Thurſday the 20th inſtant, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 3 Afternoon, within the Town houſe of Dalkeith,

* The GRASS of ſome Incloſures in the new Park of Dalkeith, belonging to his Grace the Duke of Buccleuch.—— The Conditions of the Sett to be ſeen in the Hands of Mr. Gilbert Grierſon his Grace's Chamberlain.

|| Whereas the Roup of the Lands belonging to Lieutenant John Maitland, lying in the Town of Haddington, has been frequently advertiſed, Part whereof has been ſold, but yet remains unſold the principal Manſion-houſe, Office houſes, Orchard, and ſome little Houſes, to the great Diſadvantage of Mr. Maitland and his Creditors: Therefore, at the Deſire of ſome of the Creditors, Notice is hereby given, That the foreſaid Parts yet unſold, are to be expoſed to Roup, in the Laigh Coffee-houſe of Edinburgh, the 20th Day of February inſtant, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 4 in the Afternoon, and to be ſet up at Seven thouſand Merks Scots. The Progreſs of Writs, Rental and Articles of the Roup, are to be ſeen in the Hands of George Boſwall Writer in Edinburgh, Truſtee for the ſaid Creditors; and the Rental and Articles of Roup are to be ſeen in the Hands of John Gray Writer in Haddington.—— The Truſtee deſires that the Creditors may meet the ſaid Time and Place to name a Committee to direct the making a Dividend; and in order thereto, that ſuch of them as have not yet produced the Vouchers of their Debt, may do it.

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†$† *WILLIAM MILLER*, near the Abbay at Edinburgh, has lately brought from the propereſt Places abroad, great Varieties of the beſt, new and freſh Garden Seeds, ſundry Kinds of Graſs and Tree Seeds, (particularly Beech-maſt extraordinary good, at 8 Pence per Pound) with Flower Seeds and Gardeners Tools, together with a choice Collection of fine Fruit-trees and others, to be ſold by him as uſually.

N. B. He having Conveniencies, has tried moſt Sorts of his Garden Seeds ſince they came home, ſees they grow extraordinary well, and are all as cheap as they have been in this Country theſe many Years paſt.

To be SOLD,

At Cheſters in the Shire of Roxburgh, near Jedburgh,

FIR SEEDLINGS, ſtrong and well rooted, moſt of them from ſix to nine Inches high, at Four Shillings the Thouſand, with a conſiderable Abatement to thoſe who will take Ten Thouſand, or more.

Alſo FIRS, tranſplanted two Years, at One Shilling and Three-pence per Hundred, with the like Abatement as before to thoſe who take Five Thouſand, or more.

N. B. One Horſe will carry Five Thouſand Seedlings, and about Two thouſand tranſplanted, and Carriage is to be had at a moderate Charge. Letters directed to Mr. Bennet, or Mr. James Murray, at Cheſters, near Jedburgh, will be duly anſwered.

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